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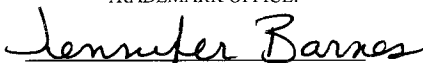
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**REPLY**

This Reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2007. No fee is thought to be necessary. However, if any fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

This Reply includes the following:

**Claims listed** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** beginning on page 8 of this paper.